



**Sophomore Interim Trip to New México
Fall 2026**

This packet contains two sections:

1. General information and consent forms.
2. Consent forms.



Sophomore Trip Information

Fall 2026

- TRIP:** Sophomore Trip to New Mexico
- WHEN:** Monday, October 12 - Thursday, October 15.
- WHERE :** **New Mexico**
White Sands National Monument
Bandelier National Monument
Santa Fe Historic District
Acoma Pueblo
Albuquerque Old Town
Albuquerque Murals
- LODGING:** **Best Western Plus Santa Fe**
3650 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507-2909
(505) 438 3822
- Embassy Suites**
1000 Woodward Pl NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102
(505) 245-7100
- TRANSPORTATION:** Grayline – Chartered Bus
- DEPARTURE :** Monday, October 12 at 7:00 am
- RETURN:** Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 pm approx.
- COST:** \$650 - The cost will cover transportation, lodging, all breakfasts, dinners, admission to parks and museums, and snacks.
The first payment of \$350.00 is due on Friday, August 28.
The second payment of \$300.00 is due on Wednesday, Sep. 30.
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Sophomore Trip to New Mexico
October 12-15, 2026

Day 1, Monday, October 12, 2026

- 7:00 am Depart The Gregory (students need to bring their own breakfast), by the marquee
(Add 1 hour for New Mexico time)
- 12:00 pm Arriving to Las Cruces for lunch
 - Picnic at Las Cruces Scenic Overlook
 - GPS: 32.281, -106.8663
- 2:00 pm Arriving to White Sands National Park
 - 19955 Highway 70 West
Alamogordo, NM 88310
- 3:30 pm Continuing to Santa Fe, NM
- 8:00 pm Arriving to Santa Fe, NM
Best Western Plus Inn of Santa Fe
3650 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe,
New Mexico 87507-2909
(505-4383822)
- 8:30 pm Dinner at hotel (pizza and salads)
- 10:00 pm Lights out

Day 2, Tuesday, October 13, 2026

- 8:00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 am Leaving to Bandelier
- 10:00 am Arriving to Bandelier National Monument and hike
 - 15 Entrance Rd, Los Alamos, NM 87544
- 12:00 pm Picnic lunch in Bandelier
- 1:00 pm Returning to Santa Fe
- 2:00 pm Downtown Santa Fe and museums
- 5:30 pm Dinner at Cafe Plaza Southside
 - 3466 Zafarano Dr, Santa Fe, NM 87507
- 8:00 pm Returning to hotel in Albuquerque

- 9:00 pm Arriving to Albuquerque
 - **Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque**
1000 Woodward Pl. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102
505-353-5365
- 10:00 pm Lights out

Day 3, Wednesday, October 14, 2026

- 7:00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 8:00 am Supermarket stop for lunch (Whole Foods or Sprouts)
- 8:30 am Departure to Acoma Pueblo
- 10:30 am Arriving to Acoma Pueblo
Sky City Cultural Center
PO Box 310
Pueblo of Acoma, NM 87034
- 2:00 pm Return to Albuquerque, Old town visit
- 4:00 pm Albuquerque, Old town visit (free time for students)
- 6:00 pm Dinner at Tomasita's
4949 Pan American Freeway NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 344-1204
- 8:00 Return to hotel
- 9:00 pm Pool and relaxing time
- 10:00 pm Report to rooms
- 11:00 pm Lights out

Day 4, Thursday, October 15, 2026

- 8:00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 am Mural tour around Albuquerque
- 10:00 am Departure to Tucson, AZ
- 12:30 pm Lunch at Hatch, NM
 - **Sparky's**
115 Franklin St, Hatch, NM 87937
(575) 267-4222
- 2:00 pm Continuing our trip to Tucson, AZ
- 6:00 pm Arrival to The Gregory School

What to Bring on the Sophomore Trip to New Mexico, Fall 2026

You must bring:

- Breakfast for the road on Day 1 (or have a nutritious meal before the trip), we'll have snacks and fruit
- Face-masks in case you want to wear them on the bus.
- \$100-\$150 approx. for meals (2 lunches), snacks, and souvenirs
- A reusable water bottle
- Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sun block)
- Closed toe, athletic or **hiking shoes**
- Comfortable/athletic clothing (shorts with a longer inseam are better)
- Light jacket
- Rain Jacket
- Comfortable pants/Jean
- Short sleeve shirts
- Pajamas (appropriated - you'll be sharing rooms)
- Bathing suit, if you plan to be swimming (hotel will have swimming pool)
- A pair of flip flop or slippers

Personal Items:

- Hand sanitizer
- Small towel
- Toiletries
- **Sunscreen**
- **Sunglasses**
- **Hat**

Suggested items

- Cell phone, books, magazines, music players (we'll be traveling for long periods of time, so be prepared!!)
- Card games
- Binoculars
- Headphones (bring a set for your friend!!)

Medication: Please notify the trip coordinator in advance if your student is unable to self-administer medications.

Dietary Needs : Please notify the trip coordinator in advance of special dietary needs.

Electronics: During the trip all students must abide by the TGS Technology Acceptable Use Policy as stated in the Student Handbook:

“All computer resources used at The Gregory School must be used in a manner that is consistent with the school's educational purposes, environment, and mission. Resources are made available to support the academic programs and activities of The Gregory

School.

Use of academic computing resources must be consistent with institutional policies governing how we conduct ourselves as members of the community including policies regarding cheating, plagiarism, harassment, and theft.

The school reserves the right to monitor these resources to protect the integrity of the system and to ensure compliance with the policies governing the use of its computer systems. The use of electronic information sources is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked at any time.”

Evening Phone Access

Students may have access to their phones during designated evening hours, typically after scheduled activities have concluded for the day.

Acceptable Usage Guidelines

1. Communication: Phones may be used to contact parents/guardians or emergency contacts.
2. Personal time: Students can use phones for personal entertainment (e.g., music, games, social media) during free time, provided it doesn't disrupt others.
3. Photography: Taking photos is not allowed in hotel rooms. Pictures may be taken but only with the consent of those being photographed. Sharing photos on social media should follow school guidelines.

Restrictions

- Phones must be silenced or on vibrate mode at all times.
- No phone use during scheduled activities or after lights out.
- Cyberbullying, sharing inappropriate content, or any illegal activities are strictly prohibited.

Safety and Accountability

- Students are responsible for the security of their own devices.
- Chaperones reserve the right to temporarily confiscate phones if rules are violated.
- In case of emergencies, students should immediately alert chaperones.

Consequences

Violation of these guidelines may result in:

1. Verbal warning
2. Temporary confiscation of the phone
3. Loss of phone privileges for the remainder of the trip
4. Further disciplinary action upon return to school

A balance between allowing students some freedom with their devices while ensuring appropriate behavior and focus on the trip's educational and social aspects has been taken into account. Interim groups have focused on a balance of student safety, communication needs, and appropriate behavior when coming up with this phone policy.



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Consent forms need to be signed and turned in by Wednesday, Sep. 30.

These forms belong to: _____

Forms included:

Medication Information and Release – *Signatures Required*

Trip Expectations and Policies– *Signatures Required*

Consent, Release and Indemnity Agreement – *Signatures Required*

Medication Information and Release

Student Name: _____

Please list all medications, including over-the-counter or nonprescription drugs, that are taken by Student routinely. Bring only enough medication to last the entire trip duration. Keep it in the original packaging/bottle that identifies the prescribing physician (if prescription medication), the name of the medication, the dosage, and the frequency of administration. Please do not include any medication/vitamin/supplement in gummy form as these will melt on our trip.

I give The Gregory School chaperones permission to distribute the following to Student as needed: (check all that apply)

Tylenol (350 mg) _____ Allergy Relief Medication (diphenhydramine) (25 mg) _____

Tums _____ Ibuprofen (200 mg) _____ Hydrocortisone Cream _____

____ Student takes no medications (including over-the-counter or nonprescription drugs) on a routine basis that will be brought on the trip.

____ Student takes the following medication (including over-the-counter or non-prescription drugs) on a regular basis, which medication will be brought on the trip.

Medication #1 _____

Reason: _____

Medication #2 _____

Reason: _____

Medication #3 _____

Reason: _____

____ Student is able to and will self-administer their own medication on the trip.

____ Student is **not** able to self-administer their own medication and I hereby give The Gregory School trip chaperones permission to administer the above medication(s) to the Student. Dosages will be administered according to directions on the bottle or package unless a physician directs otherwise. I hereby certify that Student has not in the past shown any allergic or other adverse reaction to any of the medications which you are hereby authorized to administer.

Please share with the trip chaperones any pertinent medical or other information that they should know about your child while on this trip.

In the event of illness or injury requiring medical attention, I understand that reasonable attempts will be made by the TGS Trip Coordinator/chaperones and/or medical personnel to contact me. In the event emergency treatment is deemed necessary by medical personnel in the meantime, however, I consent to such treatment, and I acknowledge that I am responsible for and assume all financial responsibility (subject to any insurance) for all costs in connection with the care and treatment rendered to Student.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number at which I can be reached: _____

Trip Expectations and Policies

It is our goal to promote a trip atmosphere where group coordinators/chaperones and students support one another with genuine respect. All participants are expected to demonstrate a high standard of conduct and to accept personal responsibility and consequences for their actions. You are expected to exhibit honesty, courtesy, and consideration toward others. This includes those in your group, as well as anyone else with whom you may come in contact—such as trip leaders, bus drivers, guides, and restaurant and hotel staff. To maintain an enjoyable and safe atmosphere for all involved, the following policies are to be complied with:

GENERAL

1. The student shall abide by the contents of the Handbook for Students and Parents, including the four guiding school principles:
 - a. Honesty - Act with integrity at all times.
 - b. Respect - Respect oneself and be respectful of all people, property, and the environment.
 - c. Responsibility – Fulfill all commitments and be personally accountable for your choices.
 - d. Safety - Make wise choices, concerned for the well-being, health, and welfare of all yourself and others.
2. The student shall conduct themselves according to the rules and guidelines pertaining to whatever activity the group is doing, and will act in no manner which might discredit themselves, the group or The Gregory School.
3. Student will be courteous and attentive to those providing information or instructions – no talking or side conversations.
4. The student is to follow the directions and the rules and regulations established by the trip coordinator, chaperones and/or trip guides, both prior to and during the trip.
5. Except for items intentionally left at a hotel or on a bus to which the group is returning, student will keep personal possessions with them at all times, recognizing that the group will not be able to return to a location to collect anything left behind. Student is responsible for the safekeeping of all their items, and no other student shall be held responsible for damage to or loss of these items.
6. Student will stay with the appropriate group and/or buddy(ies) at all times.
7. Student will show respect by being on time so the rest of the group does not have to wait.
8. Student will comply with the Handbook for Students and Parents with regard to the use of any electronic devices, including mobile phone. Student agrees that any/all electronic devices will be used in a manner that is consistent with the school's educational purposes, environment, and mission. By signing this document, it is acknowledged that the trip coordinator/chaperones have the right to monitor these resources and/or prohibit the use of same in particular circumstances, to ensure compliance with the school's policies.
9. If a problem arises, the student agrees to seek out a trip coordinator/chaperone.

LAWS/SAFETY

1. The student shall not be involved in any way with smoking of any kind (including vaping and juuling), alcohol, non-prescription drugs, vandalism, theft/shoplifting, intentional physical injury to another, or any other illegal conduct or type of behavior that is judged by the trip coordinator/chaperones to be detrimental to the health, well-being, safety, or reputation of the student, the group, any trip guides, or The Gregory School. Any student caught engaging in any of these activities is likely will be sent home on the next available flight, at your parent's/guardian's expense.
2. Student will not be in possession of medications of any kind other than those specifically pre-authorized by parent/guardian on the attached Medication and Information Release form.
3. The student will comply with all rules and regulations of the various governmental and commercial agencies involved in the trip (such as airlines, hotels, bus companies, etc.).
4. Student will observe all local traffic and safety precautions, including using crosswalks when available, and using special care when on elevated walkways, escalators, stairs or balconies.
5. Student will stay on sidewalks and not climb or scale structures, ledges, walls or embankments that have not been designed for that purpose.

HOTEL EXPECTATIONS

1. Student will not run, throw any object, tamper with hotel property, or talk loudly while in a hotel. 2. Hotel facilities must be left in the same or better condition from which they were found. Student will notify a chaperone if their room is not clean upon arrival. The student is responsible for any damage to the facilities with which the student is involved.
3. At the designated time each day, student will be in their assigned room, and will remain in such assigned rooms until permission is given by the trip coordinator/chaperone to leave their rooms. 4. Daily quiet hours at the hotel will be observed during the hours set by the trip coordinator. 5. The student will never leave the hotel unless accompanied by a chaperone.
6. The student will cooperate with their roommate(s) to decide on a room leader who will be responsible for the room key.
7. Student will not leave valuables in their room. If student has brought a considerable amount of money, student will entrust it to one of the chaperones, using the envelope system, or use the hotel safety deposit box, to store any money not needed for a particular day.
8. Student will not leave their room unlocked and will be certain that the room leader has the key and the door is locked when the group leaves the room.
9. Student will learn the hotel name, address and phone number.
10. Student will ensure that only people allowed in the hotel room (those assigned to the room and the chaperones) enter the room.
11. Student will cooperate with the roommate(s) to ensure the security chain or privacy lock is engaged when in the room.
12. In the event there is a knock at the door, student will find out who is there before opening it and. To the extent it is not someone who is allowed, including hotel security, student will contact a chaperone before opening the door.
13. Upon arrival at the hotel, the roommates shall review general hotel fire procedures, usually found on the room door, and locate the nearest fire exit from the room. In the event of a fire alarm, the roommates shall take the room key and at least one phone, walk to the nearest exit/stairs (not the elevator), and go to

a meeting place designated by the chaperones.

If the student should violate any of these rules, both student and parent/guardian understand that the student may face consequences for such actions. Such consequences could include a warning, a call home to explain to a parent/guardian what has occurred, and/or other situation-specific consequence. Additionally, in the discretion of the trip coordinator and/or school administration, repeated and/or serious violations of the above policies and/or the law could result in the student being sent home early at the parent's/guardian's expense without a chaperone, a loss of the privilege of traveling with a TGS group in the future and/or forfeiture of enrollment at The Gregory School.

STUDENT CONTRACT

I have read I and I understand the Trip Expectations and Policies above. To the best of my ability, I will comply with all of these expectations and policies, and understand that there will be consequences for failure to do so.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

I have read and I understand and support the Trip Expectations and Policies above, and am signing this on my own behalf and that of any other parent or guardian, as may be applicable. I agree to support the trip coordinator/chaperones, and understand that any serious or repeat violation by my student of the policies and/or the law may result in my obligation to arrange and pay for my student to return home early without a chaperone, a loss to the student of the privilege of traveling with TGS in the future and/or forfeiture of enrollment by the student at The Gregory School.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number at which I can be reached during the trip: _____

CONSENT, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Read this agreement very carefully – This is a release of liability

The Gregory School student _____ and the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s) desire that student participate in the activity described below. The undersigned hereby consent to and grant permission for student to participate in the following activity:

ACTIVITY: Sophomore Trip to New Mexico, Fall 2026

In consideration of the student's participation in the Activity, I/we acknowledge that The Gregory School requires that this Consent, Release, and Indemnity Agreement be executed by the student's parent/guardian/custodian, and by the student if student is over the age of 18 at the date of signing. To the extent student is under the age of 18, parent's/guardian's/custodian's execution hereof will be on their own behalf, the student's behalf, and encompass all heirs, assigns and next of kin of each of them.

I/We acknowledge that participating in the Activity involves certain risks to the student and that injuries (including death), illnesses, damage, property damage, loss or other harm could occur. I/We accept and voluntarily assume any and all risks of any illnesses, injuries (including death), damages, property damages, loss or harm which arise during or resulting from student's participation in the Activity, regardless of whether it was caused in whole or in part by the negligence of The Gregory School, its officers, trustees, employees, faculty, agents, representatives, volunteers, and/or students (the "Released Parties").

Accordingly, the undersigned, jointly and severally, hereby waive and release all claims against any of the Released Parties for any injuries (including death), illnesses, damages, property damages, losses, debts or claims, whether known or unknown, which arise during or result from student's participation in the Activity, regardless of whether caused in whole or in part by the sole or contributory negligence or other fault of any of the Released Parties. I/We release and forever discharge the Released Parties from all such claims.

I/We agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, and/or expenses, including, but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and other litigation costs and expenses, incurred by any of the Released Parties as a result of any claims or suits that I/we, or anyone claiming by, under or through me/us, may bring against any of the Released Parties to recover any losses, liabilities, damages, costs, and/or expenses which arise during or result from student's participation in the Activity, regardless of whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other fault of any of the Released Parties.

The undersigned also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, expense cost, damages, or liability arising out of or with respect to any action, claim or demand of every kind and nature whatsoever which may be made against Released Parties, or any them, which may be sustained as a result of any injury to student, the undersigned or to another person or to property, caused directly or indirectly by student.

The undersigned expressly agree that this Consent, Release and Indemnity Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full force and effect.

All terms of this Agreement are deemed incorporated herein by reference, except that Arizona law shall govern

this Agreement and any claim or controversy solely between any of the undersigned and The Gregory School shall be brought in Pima County, Arizona.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, have executed this Consent, Release, and Indemnity Agreement as of the date set forth next to the signatures below.

Dated: _____
Signature – parent/guardian/custodian

Printed name - parent/guardian/custodian

Dated: _____
Signature – student (if student is at least 18 years of age)